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### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please amend paragraph [0035], in the application as filed, as indicated below.**

[0035] With reference to FIG. 2, at least one gliding member 270 is positioned on the lower side of the ski body 138. The gliding member 270 can reduce the tendency of the ski 100 to bite into preformed snow tracks and thus reduce the amount of steering force needed to operate the handlebar assembly 44. As a result, a rider can operate the snowmobile for a longer period of time before the rider becomes tired. Additionally, if well-defined ruts have been formed in the track where the snowmobile travels, darting may occur. Darting is the tendency of the snowmobile to follow in a well-defined track left by other snowmobiles rather than respond to the steering input of the rider. In such conditions, the gliding member 270 allows the ski 100 to more easily escape the previously defined ruts in the snow, which improves steering and makes travel more stable and less taxing.

**Please amend paragraph [0036], in the application as filed, as indicated below.**

[0036] Improved steering enhances the responsiveness of the snowmobile 10 to movement of the handlebar assembly 44, e.g., the handling of the snowmobile 10. In addition, incorporating the glide member 270 can improve steering and handling of the snowmobile 10 by preventing the wear bar from entering snow tracks from other snowmobile skis. Snow tracks ~~form~~ from other snow vehicles can be more pronounced in icy environments leading to more difficult handling conditions. The glide member 270 prevents the wear bar 154 and, in some instances, the ski 100 from entering snow tracks from other snowmobile skis formed in icy environments.